

REMARKS**I. Status of the Claims:**

Claims 1-15 are pending in the application. Claims 6-8 have been objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

By this Amendment, claims 8, 13 and 14 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 1-7, 9-12 and 15 have been amended. No new matter has been introduced by this Amendment.

Upon entry of this Amendment, claims 1-7, 9-12 and 15 would be pending.

II. Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. §102:

Claims 1-5, 9-12, 15 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Szlam (U.S. Patent No. 4,782,510). Claims 1-5, 9-15 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Begeja et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,141,545), Orui (U.S. Patent No. 6,049,601), Tonnby et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,320,857), Wong et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,631,745), Mark (U.S. Patent No. 5,732,133), or O'Neal et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,263,064). Applicant respectfully traverses these rejections as follows.

Claims 1 and 15 are directed to a communication apparatus and a method of controlling a communication apparatus, respectively, involving requesting a public network to activate a call forwarding service such that an incoming call for the communication apparatus itself is forwarded to a calling party of identification information notified by a caller identification information notifying service, and then requesting the public network to deactivate

call forwarding by the call forwarding service on the basis of time information sent from the calling party.

The cited references, Szlam, Begeja, Orui, Tonnby, Wong, O'Neal and Mark, fail to disclose or suggest requesting a public network to forward an incoming call for the communication apparatus itself to a calling party of identification information notified by a caller identification information notifying service.

In addition, the cited references fail to disclose or suggest requesting the public network to deactivate call forwarding by a call forwarding service on the basis of time information sent from a calling party.

Accordingly, claims 1 and 15 and their dependent claims are distinguishable over the cited references.

CONCLUSION

Based on the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims and allowance of this application.

AUTHORIZATION

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for consideration of this Amendment to Deposit Account No. 13-4503, Order No. 1232-4534.

In the event that an extension of time is required, or which may be required in addition to that requested in a petition for an extension of time, the Commissioner is requested to grant a petition for that extension of time which is required to make this response timely and is hereby authorized to charge any fee for such an extension of time or credit any overpayment for an extension of time to Deposit Account No. 13-4503, Order No. 1232-4534.

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